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PART - VI

Acts of Parliament and Ordinances promulgated by the President

LEGISLATIVE AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

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No. RPB/Act-28/2025/E:- The Following Act of Parliament is republished for general information:-

Government of India

Ministry of Law and Justice

Legislative Department

New Delhi, the 21st August, 2025/Shravana 30, 1947 (Saka)

The following Act of Parliament received the assent of the President on the 21st August, 2025 and is hereby published for general information:-

THE MINES AND MINERALS (DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATION) AMENDMENT ACT, 2025

No. 28 OF 2025

[21*st August,* 2025.]

An Act further to amend the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957.

BE it enacted by Parliament in the Seventy-sixth Year of the Republic of India as follows:—

Short title and commencement.

1. (*1*) This Act may be called the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2025.

(*2*) It shall come into force on such date as the Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint.

Amendment of section 3.

67 of 1957.

2. In the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act), in section 3, after clause (*ae*), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

'(*af*) "mineral exchange" means an electronic trading platform or marketplace registered in accordance with the provisions of this Act, where buyers and sellers of minerals, its concentrate or its processed forms (including metals), transact, trade and enter into contract, including in derivatives;'.

Insertion of new section 6A.

3. In the principal Act, after section 6, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Inclusion of contiguous area in the leased area or area under composite licence in case of deep-seated minerals.

'6A. (*1*) Notwithstanding anything contained in section 10,—

(*a*) a holder of a mining lease of deep-seated mineral, may apply for a one-time extension of the existing leased area to include therein a contiguous area not exceeding ten per cent. of the existing leased area;

(*b*) a holder of a composite licence in respect of deep-seated mineral, may apply for a one-time extension of the area under the composite licence, to include therein a contiguous area not exceeding thirty per cent. of the existing area under the licence.

(*2*) Upon receipt of such application, the State Government may extend the existing leased area or the area under composite licence, as the case may be, to include therein the contiguous area subject to such terms and conditions and on payment of such additional amount as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

Explanation.—For the purposes of this section, the expression "deep-seated minerals" means such minerals which occur at a depth of more than two hundred meters from the surface of land with poor surface manifestations.'.

Amendment of section 8A.

4. In the principal Act, in section 8A, in sub-section (*7A*),—

(*i*) the words "up to fifty per cent. of the total mineral produced in a year" shall be omitted;

(*ii*) for the first proviso, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

"Provided that the State Government may permit sale of dumps which has been stacked up to such date as may be specified by the Central Government in the leased area on payment of additional amount specified in the Sixth Schedule:".

Amendment of section 9C.

5. In the principal Act, in section 9C,—

(*i*) for the marginal heading, the following marginal heading shall be substituted, namely:—

"National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust.";

(*ii*) in sub-section (*1*), for the words "National Mineral Exploration Trust", the words "National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust" shall be substituted;

(*iii*) for sub-section (*2*), the following sub-section shall be substituted, namely:—

"(*2*) The object of the Trust shall be to use the funds accrued to the Trust within India, including the offshore areas, and outside India for the purposes of regional and detailed exploration and development of mines and minerals in such manner as may be prescribed by the Central Government.";

(*iv*) in sub-section (*4*), for the words "two per cent.", the words "three per cent." shall be substituted;

(*v*) in sub-section (*5*), for the words "National Mineral Exploration Trust", the words "National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust" shall be substituted.

Amendment of section 10B.

6. In the principal Act, in section 10B, in sub-section (*2*), the words ", after obtaining the previous approval of the Central Government," shall be omitted.

Amendment of section 13.

7. In the principal Act, in section 13, in sub-section (*2*),—

(*i*) after clause (*k*), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

"(*ka*) terms and conditions and additional amount under sub-section (*2*) of section 6A;";

(*ii*) in clauses (*qqb*), (*qqc*) and (*qqd*), for the words "National Mineral Exploration Trust", the words "National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust" shall be substituted;

(*iii*) after clause (*xb*), the following clause shall be inserted, namely:—

"(*xc*) conditions for inclusion of any mineral other than minor mineral in a lease granted in respect of a minor mineral under sub-section (*5*) of section 15B;".

Insertion of new section 15B.

8. In the principal Act, after section 15A, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Inclusion of other minerals in mining lease.

"15B. (*1*) A holder of a mining lease may apply to the State Government for inclusion of any other mineral in his mining lease on the basis of a geological report in relation to that lease and the State Government shall permit inclusion of such mineral within sixty days of such application, subject to the payment of such additional amount on dispatch of the included mineral as specified in the Eighth Schedule.

(*2*) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, and for reasons to be recorded in writing, amend the Eighth Schedule so as to modify the entries mentioned therein with effect from such date as may be specified in the said notification.

(*3*) The holder of mining lease shall submit such reports or returns to the State Government and any other authority in respect of the included mineral as may be specified by the Central Government.

(*4*) The provision of this section shall apply for inclusion of any minor mineral in a lease granted in respect of a mineral other than minor mineral and the State Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, specify the royalty and other payments to be made by the lessee on dispatch of such included minor mineral.

(*5*) Inclusion of any mineral other than minor mineral in a lease granted in respect of a minor mineral shall be made in accordance with the conditions as may be prescribed for this purpose by the Central Government and such rules may provide for all or any of the matters, namely:—

(*i*) the extent of presence of mineral other than minor mineral as compared to minor mineral in the lease;

(*ii*) termination of the lease in the interest of regulation of mines and mineral development and grant of a fresh lease in the area as a lease in respect of mineral other than minor mineral;

(*iii*) regulation of such lease as a lease granted for mineral other than minor minerals;

(*iv*) additional payment as specified in the Eighth Schedule to be made upon inclusion of a mineral other than minor mineral.

(*6*) Any mineral may be included under this section in a mining lease granted in respect of atomic mineral specified in Part B of the First Schedule where the grade of atomic mineral is equal to or above the notified threshold value with prior approval of the Central Government.

(*7*) No atomic mineral as specified in Part B of the First Schedule where the grade of atomic mineral is equal to or above the notified threshold value shall be included in the mining lease granted in respect of minerals other than such atomic minerals.".

Insertion of new section 18B.

9. In the principal Act, after section 18A, the following section shall be inserted, namely:—

Development of market.

"18B. (*1*) The Central Government shall endeavour to promote development of market, including trading of minerals, its concentrate or its processed forms (including metals) through mineral exchanges in such manner as may be prescribed by the Central Government.

(*2*) The Central Government may, by notification in the Official Gazette, appoint any authority to register and regulate mineral exchanges.

(*3*) In particular, and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing power, such rules may provide for all or any of the following matters, namely:—

(*a*) registration of mineral exchanges and revocation of such registration;

(*b*) regulation of all aspects and activities of mineral exchanges and market oversight;

(*c*) levy of fees and other charges;

(*d*) maintenance of a data bank of information on activities relating to mineral trading on mineral exchanges;

(*e*) prevention of cartelization, insider trading, circular trading, market manipulation and any other matter which is detrimental to the participants of the mineral exchanges;

(*f*) grievance redressal of participants of mineral exchanges; and

(*g*) any other matter which is to be, or may be, prescribed.".

Amendment of Fifth Schedule.

10. In the principal Act, in the Fifth Schedule,—

(*i*) for serial number 2 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial numbers and the entries shall be substituted, namely:—

"2.	Minerals specified in Part-D of the First Schedule	*Nil*
2A.	Minerals specified in Seventh Schedule (other than those specified in Part-D of the First Schedule)	Equivalent to fifty per cent. of the royalty payable";

(*ii*) in the *Explanation*, for the words "National Mineral Exploration Trust", the words "National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust" shall be substituted.

Amendment of Sixth Schedule.

11. In the principal Act, in the Sixth Schedule,—

(*i*) under the sub-heading (*i*) for non-auctioned captive mines (other than coal and lignite), after serial number 5 and the entries relating thereto, the following serial numbers and the entries shall be inserted, namely:—

"5A.	Minerals specified in Part-D of the First Schedule	*Nil*";

(*ii*) in the *Explanation*, under clause (*a*), for the words "National Mineral Exploration Trust", the words "National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust" shall be substituted.

Insertion of new Schedule.

12. In the principal Act, after the Seventh Schedule, the following Schedule shall be inserted, namely:—

"THE EIGHTH SCHEDULE

[*See* section 15B(*1*), (*2*) and (*5*)]

Type of mining lease	Additional amount in case the included mineral is a mineral specified in Part-D of the First Schedule or the Seventh Schedule	Additional amount in case the included mineral is not a mineral specified in Part-D of the First Schedule or the Seventh Schedule
(1)	(2)	(3)
(*i*) Auctioned mining lease (including coal and lignite mining lease auctioned on revenue share basis for sale of coal).	*Nil*.	*Nil*.
(*ii*) Non-auctioned mining lease.	*Nil*.	Equivalent to amount of royalty on the included mineral.
(*iii*) Coal and lignite mining lease auctioned on per tonne basis or power tariff basis.	*Nil*.	Equivalent to amount of royalty on the included mineral.

Explanation.—For the purpose of this Schedule, it is hereby clarified that—

(*i*) the additional amount shall be in addition to royalty or payment to the District Mineral Foundation and National Mineral Exploration and Development Trust or any other statutory payment;

(*ii*) in case an additional amount specified in the Fifth Schedule is paid by the lessee in respect of a mineral, no additional amount under this Schedule shall be payable in respect of such included mineral;

(*iii*) in case of auctioned mines,—

(*a*) auction premium shall not be payable in respect of the included mineral if the included mineral is a mineral specified in Part-D of the First Schedule or the Seventh Schedule;

(*b*) auction premium shall be payable in respect of the included mineral if the included mineral is not a mineral specified in Part-D of the First Schedule or the Seventh Schedule.".

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